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COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, September 26, 2007
Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter
Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium
101 Eighth Street
Oakland, CA

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Chair Dodd called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m. In addition to Chair Dodd, the following Commissioners were present: Ammiano, Azumbrado, Blanchard, Chu, Cortese, Giacomini, Haggerty, Kinsey, Lempert, Rubin, Sartipi, Spering, Tissier, Worth and Yeager.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Dodd welcomed Dorothy Dugger to her new post of BART's General Manager – Ms. Dugger addressed the Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Steve Heminger presented the Executive Director's report to the Commission. Copies of the report are available from the Executive Office.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Commission unanimously approved the following items on the Consent Calendar:

- Minutes of the Commission meeting of July 25, 2007.

Administration Committee

- Resolution No. 3822 – Authorizing the participation in PERS Prepaid Post Employee Benefits Trust Program.
- Resolution No. 3824 – Acceptance of State Funds for Assessment of Sea-Level Rise in the San Francisco Bay.

Programming and Allocations Committee

- Resolution No. 3813, Revised – Revision to the FY 2007-08 State Transit Assistance (STA) Regional Discretionary program in the amount of \$1 million.
- Resolution No. 3714, Revised – Programming of Federal Transit Administration formula funds for Vallejo Transit and Benicia Transit.
- Resolution No. 3738, Revised – Amendment to the BART Car Replacement Agreement.
- Resolution No. 3755, Revised – Revisions to the Lifeline Program of Projects.
- Resolution Nos. 3810, Revised and 3811, Revised – Allocation of FY 2007-08 Transportation Development Act (TDA), and State Transit Assistance (STA) to various claimants for transit capital and operating purposes.

Legislation Committee

- Resolution No. 3516, Revised – MTC Advisory Committees' Appointments.
- Resolution No. 3821 – Revised Public Participation Plan.

Draft MTC Standing Committee Minutes

Draft Committee minutes of the following standing committees were presented for information only; they were provided as background information for items that were being taken up by the full commission.

- Draft Minutes of the Administration Committee Meeting – September 12, 2007.
- Draft Minutes of the Programming & Allocations Committee Meeting – September 12, 2007.
- Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting – September 14, 2007.
- Draft Minutes of the Legislation Committee Meeting – September 14, 2007.
- Draft Minutes of the Operations Committee Meeting – September 14, 2007.

Draft MTC Advisory Committee Minutes

Draft Advisory Committee minutes were presented for Commission information only.

- Minutes of the Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee Meeting – September 6, 2007.
- Minutes of the Minority Citizens Advisory Meeting – September 11, 2007.

- Minutes of the Advisory Council Meeting – September 12, 2007.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Programming & Allocations Committee - Tissier

The Commission unanimously approved the following:

- Resolution Nos. 3649, Revised, 3651, Revised, 3817, Revised, 3823, Revised – RM2 Allocations totaling approximately \$27.3 million in Capital funds and \$12.3 million in Operating funds.

Planning Committee – Spering

- Resolution No. 3826 – Regional Rail Plan Adoption.

The Commission received public comment from the following:

- Andy Katz, Sierra Club – spoke in favor of not submitting the plan as presented.
- Stuart Cohen, Transportation and Landuse Coalition – spoke in favor of not submitting the plan to the State as presented.
- David Schonbrunn, TRANSDEF – spoke in favor of not submitting the plan as presented, noting that the plan's conclusions are not supported.
- Marsh Pitman, Transportation Involves Everyone (TIE) – spoke in opposition of the plan – made reference to inadequacies within the document.
- Dianne Fritz, Supervisor, Mariposa County – spoke in opposition of the plan.
- Gerald Cauthen, TIE – indicated that although the plan has good features especially with BART but recommended the plan not be submitted as presented.
- Norman Rolfe, member of the public – spoke in favor of not submitting the plan as presented and leave process open for revisions especially with land use and a compatible plan with high speed rail.
- Nethe Hoge – Lieutenant Garamendi's office – asked for MTC to request an extension to present plan – and to review a preferred route for high-speed rail.

The Commission unanimously approved Resolution No. 3826 with the following noted changes within the second and third bullets of the Memorandum to read:

- As a high priority part of this action plan, the agencies should identify a single entity (a) to negotiate for railroad rights-of-way on behalf of all regional rail entities, and (b) to determine the mix of freight and passenger use of such facilities.
- Do not specify a particular terminus station for the proposed BART extension to Livermore. Terminus station options at the Isabel/Stanley, Greenville, or other locations will be subject to further analysis.

The Commission also approved revisiting the plan in two years.

Legislation Committee – Rubin

The Commission unanimously approved ratification of the following positions for pending legislation:

- Support of AB 15 (Houston) – Vasco Road Median Barrier Study.
- Support of SB 717 (Perata) – Proposition 42 – State Transit Assistance.
- Support of AB 1743 (Huffman) – San Quentin State Prison.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

- Steve Tyson, a member of the public – addressed the Commission with a suggestion to use Toll Tags on vehicles.
- Norman Rolfe – a member of the public – asked the Commission about Doyle Drive.

There being no further business or public comment, Commission Chair Dodd adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. The next Commission meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2007 in Oakland, California.

Bill Dodd, Chair